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Cloudy and warmer to-night; Tuesday unsettled.

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80 LIVES LOST ON FRENCH LINER TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING

BOLD HOLDUP MEN BIND FOUR; BREAK OPEN THEATRE SAFE AND ESCAPE WITH \$700 CASH

Put Wire Thongs on Wrists of
a Janitor, His Wife, Watch-
man and Scrubwoman.

MAKE THREAT TO KILL.

Enter William Fox's Star
Theatre in Mysterious Man-
ner Which Puzzles Police.

Two men entered the bedroom of
Abraham Dorsky, janitor, in William
Fox's Star Theatre at Lexington
Avenue and One Hundred and Sev-
enth Street at 4 o'clock this morning.
One of them lighted the gas. As
Dorsky sprang up he recognized one
of them as Morris Klein, of No. 247
Fox Street, the Bronx, watchman of
the theatre. Klein's wrists were
bound together with picture wire.

The stranger jumped on Dorsky and
bound his hands, too, with wire, and
then bound the hands of his wife. He
tied down the bed clothing so they
could not move, but did not gag them.

"We are not going to rob you," the
stranger said. "We are after big
money. But if you yell or try to get
away I'll kill all three of you."

A moment later there were footsteps
outside, the door opened and Anna Si-
mons, a scrubwoman, was thrust in.
She was also bound hand and foot.

The stranger sat her in a corner.

He then went to the door and called
downstairs: "All right, George!" The
prisoner in the bedroom heard rump-
les and hammering sounds in the of-
fice on the floor below, off the lobby.

At a call from downstairs half an hour
later, the man left, after repeating
his threat to murder Klein and the
Dorskys if they gave an alarm.

Dorsky worked loose after awhile.
He ran out into the street in his
nightshirt and called Policeman
Hanset of the East One Hundred and
Fourth Street Station. Hanset found
the small safe in the office top apart.

The receipts from Friday's, Satur-
day's and yesterday's performances
had been taken.

Capt. Jones of the Detective Bureau
was called at once. Klein said the
men had come to him as he was
walking through the balcony floor
and told him Dorsky had given them
permission to play cards in the place.

They asked him to go with them to
the janitor's room to verify what they
said. At the door they seized and
bound him, he said.

Anna Simons said three men met
her when she entered to begin her
morning's work and told her the jan-
itor wanted her. They did not bind
her until she was at Dorsky's door.

All the men wore cloth masks and
none of the victims could give the
slightest description to aid the police.

The treasurer of the theatre, after
an examination of the books, told
Inspector Faust that about \$700 had
been stolen. The amount in the safe
had been reduced by paying off the
vaudeville actors and employees Sat-
urday night.

Klein's story of his encounter with
the robbers did not satisfy the police
and he was taken to the Third Branch
Bureau for further questioning.

NIJEUW AMSTERDAM GROUNDS
LONDON, Dec. 27.—The steamship
Nieuw Amsterdam, which sailed from
New York Dec. 14 for Falmouth and
Rotterdam, grounded at Falmouth,
about 10 miles from leaving the Downs
this morning.

She got off at noon and proceeded on
her voyage.

POLICE SEEKING BROKER THORNE; FORGERY CHARGED

General Alarm Sent Out for
Man Missing Since
Dec. 16.

Richard Van Wyck Thorne, the real
estate operator and mortgage broker
of No. 150 Broadway, who fled from
the city on Dec. 16, is charged in the
District Attorney's office and at Police
Headquarters with having obtained
at least \$38,000 by means of forged
mortgages, deeds and title insurance
policies. Detectives have been look-
ing for him since Dec. 16, a few hours
before he disappeared.

The only person who suffered direct
financial loss through Thorne's op-
erations, so far as the police are in-
formed, is his former close personal
friend and fellow member of the Piping
Rock and other clubs, Gilbert H.
Montague, a lawyer of No. 40 Wall
Street.

Mr. Montague has a number of
wealthy clients who trust their in-
vestments to him. It is said he has
refunded to clients \$38,000 which he
loaned to Thorne on several forged
mortgages, deeds and title insurance
policies. He has preferred with the
District Attorney only one specific
accusation against his former friend.

It is charged that Thorne, on Dec.
16, 1914, obtained from Mr. Montague
a loan of \$4,000 on property at No.
2536 Broadway, owned by the Elkon
Realty Corporation. As collateral for
the loan, it is alleged by Mr. Montague,
Thorne produced a mortgage to
which he had forged the names of
officers of the Elkon Realty Corpora-
tion. He is also charged with having
forged the title insurance policy.

Thorne's reputation in the real
estate business was unquestioned at
the time the loan was negotiated and
no suspicion attached to the transac-
tion until last June, when the interest
for six months became due and was
not paid.

Thorne has been married twice.
His first wife was Sybilla Thorne, an
actress. They were divorced in 1909
and she is now the wife of Charles H.
Pope, a cotton broker. Thorne's
second wife was Mrs. Della Henderson.
Servants at the Thorne home in
East Sixty-fourth Street say she is
not in the city.

It was learned to-day that Thorne's
wife made a desperate effort to save
him. On the day he disappeared she
endeavored to make a settlement with
Mr. Montague, offering him a consid-
erable sum in bonds, which were in
her own name, and property she owns
at Northport, L. I. Mrs. Thorne's
property did not begin to cover her
husband's indebtedness to Mr. Montague.

Mr. Kernegood and Mrs. Thorne
made vain attempts to get hold of
more money and were hopeful of suc-
cess when Thorne, unable to stand
the strain any longer, ran away and
sent word from a westbound train
that his affairs were hopelessly in-
volved.

Ex-Mayor McEwen of Albany Dead.
ALBANY, Dec. 27.—James H. Mc-
Ewen, formerly Mayor of Albany,
and for ten years a member of the
State Legislature, died here to-day
after a prolonged illness. He was
graduated from Yale University in
1878 in the class with ex-President
Taft.

WAR MUNITIONS GERMANS STORED SET ABLAZE HERE

Firebug Tries to Blow Up
3,000,000 Cartridges in
Houston Street.

HAZARD LONG KNOWN.

Watchman and Police Prevent
Big Explosion by Prompt
Use of Water Buckets.

Three million cartridges and 2,000
rifles, stored by a German ammu-
nition firm in the factory building at
No. 200 West Houston Street, were
threatened with destruction early this
morning when some one set fire to the
place.

The firebug poured oil beneath a
door of the structure, and then tossed
a lighted match on it. Thomas Ward,
watchman in an adjoining building,
discovered the flames and called Po-
licemen Chapman and Fitzgerald,
who broke down the door and put
out the fire with buckets of water.

For six months members of the
Police and Fire Departments have
been "on edge" about the ammu-
nition, which was stored in the build-
ing last June, after an unsuccessful
attempt had been made to ship it to
German colonies in Java and Borneo
on a boat moored at the Bush Ter-
minal docks in Brooklyn. Although
the cartridges are listed as belonging
to "Robert von Cleff, of No. 105
Duane Street," they are said really to
belong to the German Government.

They were bought in by H. Tauscher,
of No. 320 Broadway, a dealer in guns
and ammunitions, who has the Amer-
ican agency for the Krupp and
Mauser guns, and then were turned
over to von Cleff.

The rifles are of the Springfield
type. Of the cartridges 600,000 are for
pistols and 2,500,000 for rifles. They
are of an old pattern.

When efforts to ship them out of
New York had failed, a permit to
store them in the West Houston
Street building was obtained from
the Bureau of Fire Prevention. The
permit runs for a year. Officials of
the Fire and Police Departments
have been worried about the guns
and ammunitions ever since they were
put away in the building.

Many theories regarding the object in stor-
ing them in the factory building were
advanced, with the result that a po-
liceman or a fireman has been near
the structure night and day.

Inspector Healy of the Bureau of
Fire Prevention said to-day that the
cartridges were not considered "haz-
ardous." Henry Muck, manager for
H. Tauscher, said the stuff was prov-
ing a "white elephant" on his hands.

ADMIRAL DEWEY IS 78.

In Best of Health, He Passes Birth-
day Quietly.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Admiral
George Dewey celebrated his seventy-
eighth birthday yesterday. He received
hundreds of letters and telegrams con-
gratulating him. No party was given,
the Admiral and Mrs. Dewey remaining
in their home on K Street until late in
the afternoon, when they took their daily
ride.

There has been little change in Ad-
miral Dewey's general appearance for
a decade. His figure is erect, his eyes
clear and his face ruddy.

12-CARAT DIAMOND MAY HELP CAPTURE \$30,000 GEM THIEF

Was Centre of Lavalier In-
cluded in Loot From Orange
Home of C. H. Eagle.

OTHER JEWELS STOLEN.

Burglar Ransacked Home in
Hurry, but "Stumbled"
on Rich Plunder.

A thief, believed to be hiding in
New York to-day after a \$30,000 jewel
robbery in the Oranges, has one gem
he cannot easily dispose of—a twelve-
carat diamond. The police have noti-
fied all pawnshops to watch for such
a stone.

There was only one clue left by the
robber, his footprints in the snow out-
side the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clif-
ford H. Eagle, a newly married
couple, at No. 49 Walnut Street, East
Orange.

Mr. and Mrs. Eagle left their home
at 4 P. M. Christmas Day. At 5.30
the only other person in the house,
William Jones, a negro servant, left
for his home. When Mr. and Mrs.
Eagle returned at 7 P. M. they found
a glass panel in the front door broken.
The thief had reached in and unlocked
the door.

The jewelry taken by the burglar had
been put in an old leather bag trunk
in a closet in Mrs. Eagle's bedroom,
and nothing was locked. The twelve-
carat diamond was the centre of a
diamond lavallier worth \$25,000.

The articles stolen were a platinum
heart measuring two and one-half
inches across, and set with thirty-
eight diamonds, valued at \$1,000; a
ring of two large sapphires surround-
ed by fourteen diamonds, \$1,500, the
engagement ring given by Mrs.
Eagle's former husband, and a sap-
phire brooch, \$100; a garnet pin, \$50.

The other articles were in the nature
of trinkets, including cuff links and
diamond set studs belonging to Mr.
Eagle.

Mrs. Eagle was formerly the wife
of Edwin Taylor, who owned and
conducted the Clinton Hotel in Clin-
ton Street, East Orange. She is in
her sixties, while Eagle is fully twenty
years younger. He is said to have
been the nephew of her first husband,
who died six months ago. They were
married very quietly some weeks ago.

He is manager of the credit depart-
ment of Staffley & Patterson, dealers
in electric supplies at No. 23 Murray
Street, this city.

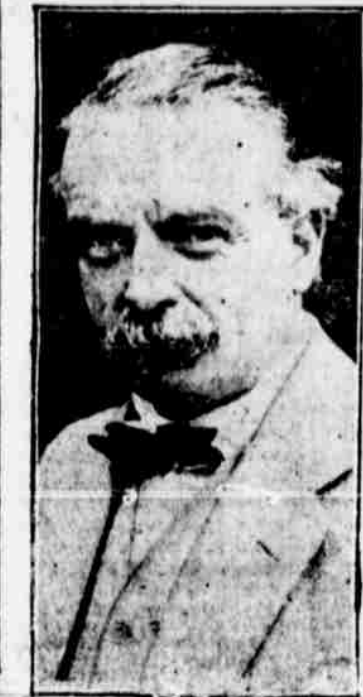
**CLEARY'S SENTENCE IS
THREE YEARS IN PRISON**

Former Town Clerk of Haverstraw
Must Go Behind Bars for For-
gery—Other Charges Pending.

NEW CITY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Will-
iam V. Cleary, former Town Clerk of
Haverstraw, convicted of forgery,
was to-day sentenced by Justice
Tompkins to from three years to six
years and four months in prison.

An indictment charging Cleary
with larceny has been dismissed, but
he is to be tried on several other
charges in April.

BRITISH STATESMAN WHO MAY TAKE PLACE OF PREMIER ASQUITH.



REFUSE AMERICAN PLEA FOR LUSITANIA DEAD

Queenstown Council Declines to
Disinter Bodies of Victims
Buried in Ireland.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 27.—Bodies of
a number of American victims of the
Lusitania disaster must lie on foreign
soil, the Urban District Council of
Queenstown decreed to-day.

Most of them are women and girls.
They were taken from the water days,
even weeks, after the big liner was
torpedoed off the Irish coast. Identifi-
cation at first was impossible and they
were buried in coffins of flimsy
material. Later their identity was
established through post-mortem
photographs. But the authorities to-
day finally refused the pathetic pleas
of American relatives that they be
allowed to exhume the bodies and
give them proper burial in America.

The Council informed American
Consul Wesley Frost, who for months
has been aiding the relatives, that ex-
humation would imperil public health.
Leading physicians and undertakers
at Cork ruled that the exhumation
would not be harmful, but the Council
heatedly rejected their arguments and
even a similar appeal made by Lord
Wimborne in behalf of the British
dead.

In his efforts because of the peculiar
political status in south Ireland,
which he did not want to stir up.
Among those whose relatives are
most anxious to return their bodies
to home soil are Mrs. Eva Finch of
Boston, Mrs. G. A. Anderson of Pitts-
burgh and Miss Elizabeth Seaborn
of Concord, Mass. The Seaborn
family particularly desired to bury
the girl's body beside that of her
twin brother, Percy, another Lusitania
victim, in the family lot at
Concord. The two were en route to
England to engage in Red Cross work
when the liner was sunk.

MUCH WORK FOR WILSON.

Selection of N. Y. Postmaster One
of Many Matters Before Him.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 27.—Heavy
snow kept President Wilson indoors
to-day and he devoted the morning
to papers brought from
Washington. With Mrs. Wilson he
planned to go motoring later in the
day.

Among the questions before the
President was the selection of a post-
master for New York City; several
names have been suggested and applica-
tions for pardons and num-
erous routine executive orders.

The President will celebrate his fifty-
ninth birthday to-morrow. He will have
at dinner a great birthday cake, bear-
ing fifty-nine candles, which the hotel
management ordered the chef to pre-
pare.

ASQUITH ATTACKED; BREAK IN BRITISH CABINET IS NEAR

Backers of Lloyd-George As-
sail Prime Minister and
Some of Colleagues.

CONSCRIPTION ROW.

Issue to Be Forced To-Night in
New Campaign to Reor-
ganize Cabinet.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Asquith
Ministry was under heavy attack to-
day. "Ughs" David Lloyd George's
charge, "Too late!" as their slogan,
several London newspapers have
launched a campaign for a reorgani-
zation of the Ministry. It is said only
prompt decisive action by the Cab-
inet Council to-night on the conscrip-
tion issue can save the Prime Minis-
ter and several of his colleagues from
retirement, several newspapers hinted.

Lloyd George, himself once an ob-
ject of scorn among the British "up-
per classes," probably will become the
head of the Government if Asquith is
forced out.

It was hinted in Government circles
to-day that the Lord Derby recruiting
campaign did not bring into the army
the number of volunteers needed.

The very fact that the Government
has not published the results appar-
ently confirms this report. The
Cabinet Council, it was generally un-
derstood, will be called on to-night
to meet the conscription issue
squarely.

The conscriptionist advocates de-
manded to-day that there be no fur-
ther side-stepping. Unless the situa-
tion is met to-night, the leaders now
in opposition to Premier Asquith ex-
pect to renew the fight on the Prime
Minister in Commons opening discus-
sion of the Dardanelles and Balkan
failures.

The Northcliffe and other London
papers have rallied to the support of
Lloyd George. The Minister of Munitions
addressed to the trades unionists
at Glasgow on Christmas Day has
centred attention upon Lloyd George
again, as did his recent criticism of
the Government.

"You can't haggle with an earth-
quake," was one of his striking
phrases in urging the unionists to
forget petty trades union regulations
in helping win the war. "I appeal to
you to lift up your eyes above the
mists of expression and ascend to the
heights of the greatest opportunity
that ever opened before your class."

The Times' military correspondent,
frankly incredulous of the success of
Lord Derby's plan, declares the allies
have 6,000,000 men in the field, oppos-
ing 5,000,000 adversaries, but this su-
periority is overcome by the advan-
tages gained in strategy and position
by the Central Powers the first year
of the war. He declares an over-
whelming superiority will be needed
to win.

Amsterdam despatches to the
Exchange Telegraph Company say
the Zeitung am Mittag of Ber-
lin features a message saying the
British Cabinet is on the eve of
resignation, that Asquith and
Foreign Minister Grey will resign
and that Earl Kitchener will
leave the War Office for command
in Egypt. The Premier, the Ber-
lin paper asserts, will be Lord
Haldane, with Lord Fisher as
First Lord of the Admiralty, sur-
mising "that the task of the Hal-
dane Cabinet will be to bring
about a hurried peace."

BRITISH STEAMER RESCUES MOST OF PASSENGERS AND CREW OF TORPEDOED SHIP

United States Consul at Malta Re-
ports Ville de la Ciotat Torpedoed
on Morning of Dec. 24 and Went
to Bottom in 15 Minutes.

NO AMERICANS ON BOARD THE DESTROYED LINER

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The following official announcement was made
this afternoon:

"The steamer Ville de la Ciotat was torpedoed and sunk
on the 24th in the Mediterranean by an enemy submarine with-
out warning. A majority of the passengers and crew were
picked up by an English steamer. Details have not been re-
ceived."

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Eighty of the passengers and crew of the
Ville de la Ciotat lost their lives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The American Consul at Malta reported
to-day to the State Department that no Americans were aboard the French
ship. He reports it was torpedoed without warning at 10.15 o'clock on
Dec. 24 and sunk in fifteen minutes.

The American Consul reported further that the rescued were picked
up by a Moss liner after they had been in small boats two hours. The
torpedoed ship, the Consul said, was on her way from Japan, China and
Hawaii to Marseilles. The lost included one woman, a first class passen-
ger, a stewardess and two children.

The Ville de la Ciotat was one of the largest of the steamships sunk
recently in the Mediterranean. Her gross tonnage was 6,378. She was
487 feet long and 50 feet beam. She was built at La Ciotat, France, in
1892, and was owned by the Messageries Maritimes of Marseilles. She
was last reported on her arrival at Saigon, Indo China, on Dec. 1, on a
voyage from Yokohama to Marseilles.

The Messageries Maritimes, the line owning the steamship Ville de la
Ciotat, is represented in the United States by the International Sleeping
Car Company.

'SUPPRESS YOUR SNEEZE!' HEALTH BOARD SINGS

Breaks Into Verse Warning Thou-
sands Against Danger of
Grippe's Spread.

Health Department guns were
trained on the epidemic of grippe in
this city this afternoon when the
Bureau of Public Health Education
spread broadcast thousands of cards
bearing this significant couplet:
"Cover up each cough and sneeze;
If you don't you'll spread disease."
This is the beginning of a campaign
against the malady which Dr. Osler
characterized as possessed of ex-
traordinary rapidity of extension, and
for which Dr. Charles F. Bolduan of
the Health Education Bureau asserts
there is no specific cure. The next
best step, therefore, is prevention.
The cards have been sent to the public
schools, along with other anti-grippe
literature. Guards on elevated trains
have been asked to hand them to
passengers.

BOY-ED SAILS TO-MORROW.

Recalled German Attaché Reserves
Stateroom on Ship.

Capt. K. Boy-Ed, the recalled Ger-
man Naval Attaché, will leave New
York on the steamship Rotterdam to-
morrow. He reserved his stateroom
to-day.

U. S. CONSUL MUST EXPLAIN.

Quoted as Calling Gen. Carranza "A
Bull-headed Old Fool."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A state-
ment that American Consul Thomas D.
Edwards at Juarez, Mexico, had given
an interview calling Gen. Carranza "a
bull-headed old fool," were under State
Department investigation to-day. The
Department intends asking Edwards for
an explanation, to secure his version of
the report.
If Edwards gave the interview, diplo-
matic etiquette would require his dis-
charge even without a request from
Carranza. Border dispatches said Car-
ranza has instructed Robert Pasquiere,
his agent, to prepare a formal demand
for Edwards's recall. Edwards's home is
in Lead, S. D. He was appointed in
1905 and served through successive revo-
lutions.